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1. Araneda R.C., Kini A.D., and Firestein S. (2000) The molecular receptive range of an odorant receptor. Nature Neuroscience 3(12): 1248-1255 (Exhibit B);
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